REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 7, and 8 remain in the application with claims 7 and 8 having been amended hereby and claims 3-6 having been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

By reason of the cancellation of claims 3-6, Applicants have effectively elected for prosecution in this application Group I comprising claims 1 and 2.

Claims 7 and 8 were multiple dependent claims depending from all of the preceding independent claims and have been amended hereby to depend only from claim 1 or claim 2.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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